

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the following paragraph beginning on page 58, line 10 of the specification to read:

FIG. 52A shows the jaws fully open with the pin 1940 at its most distal position. As the slide member is actuated the pin 1940 moves to the right causing the jaw 1914 to close against the jaw 1912. Enhanced gripping occurs by virtue of the pivot pin 1940 1930 being displaced away from the centerline of the base piece. This provides improved gripping, particularly of larger diameter items such as a needle.